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In my childhood and teenage years I was lucky enough to be taken on wonderful holidays in Warburton, The Grampians and Tasmania to name a few. I also benefitted from camping and hiking with my Girl Guides company. These experiences have moulded my adult life and later parenting. However I am dismayed at the progressive retreat of bushland surrounding Melbourne and in rural Victoria.

The urban sprawl and heavy logging of our native, old growth forests is appalling in itself but the collateral damage compounds this. Native flora and fauna are declining in specie numbers and even more are facing extinction down the track.

It is important that you, the Victorian Government acknowledges this and set about redressing it. End logging of native forests, curtail the urban spread and develop programs to redress and reverse environmental degradation.

The Covid crisis has shown how swiftly action can be taken. Now swift action is needed for a massive environmental rescue. There is a huge capacity to create jobs for workers displaced by Covid closures. Retraining and harnessing a myriad of skills people have can reverse our deplorable situation. The spin off is enormous. It helps the economy and gives the environment the push it needs back towards preservation and rehabilitation. The ensuing recreational and health benefits to Victorians will be a plus.

Please stop the logging of native forests now; move the few loggers who work in that industry to plantation forestry or to the preservation and restoration of habitat. Expand programs and organisations whose funding has been cut in recent years so that a broad range of approaches can build and restore environmental health. And by the way economic, job growth health as well.

This submission can be made public.

Yours sincerely,
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